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TRUSTEES' MEETING

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January 30, 1913.

Members and officers all present. Reading of minutes of last regular meeting dispensed with.

Lobby crowded with representative citizens and property owners.

Resolution accepting map of Tract No. 2128 adopted and map filed.

The map is of a re-subdivision of lots 1, 2 and 3 of the Mehle Tract on the northeast corner of Acacia avenue and Brand boulevard, changing the frontage of the lots from the south on Acacia avenue, to the west on Brand boulevard.

The petition of S. M. Turner and 223 others was read and filed as follows: To the Board of Trustees.

"We, the undersigned taxpayers, voters, and citizens of Tropico, would respectfully ask your honorable body to rescind your resolution of Thursday evening, January 23, 1913, calling for a bond issue of $25,000, and substituting therefor a resolution containing two items, viz.: One of $17,000 for fire protection, and one for $8000 for a site and a building for municipal purposes.

Mrs. R. S. Berteaux, 116 Brand boulevard, presented a petition signed by herself and 157 others, as follows:

Tropico, Cal., Jan. 28, 1913.

To the Honorable, the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, Calif.:

We, the undersigned petitioners, being citizens of the City of Tropico, California, do respectfully show:

Whereas, on January 23, 1913, in regular meeting assembled, your honorable board adopted a certain resolution calling for a bond election to raise the sum of $25,000 to be expended for the acquiring of land, building and fire apparatus.

Now, therefore, it is the sense and wish of the undersigned, and they respectfully pray that the above resolution be permitted to remain in the minutes of your proceedings, and that you proceed at as early a date as may be consistent in accordance therewith and strictly within its terms;

And it is further represented and asserted herewith that our signatures attached hereto will supercede, take precedence over, nulify and void the force and effect of our signatures to any other petition in connection with the aforesaid bond election which may be presented to you.

Judge Van Netten, El Bonito avenue, on behalf of the Civic club presented the following:

"A resolution of the Tropico Civic club of the city of Tropico, California, requesting the Board of Trustees of said city to reconsider their action of January 23, 1913, in passing and adopting Resolution No. 118, and to amend the same or repeal it and pass a new resolution in lieu thereof.

"Be it resolved by the Tropico Civic club of the city of Tropico, California, that the views of this club regarding the proposed bond issue to cover certain municipal improvements referred to in Resolution No. 118, adopted by the Board of Trustees of this city, January 23, 1913, be set forth herein and that this resolution be presented to the Board of Trustees at their next regular meeting, and that said board be requested to reconsider their action in accordance with the views herein expressed, which are as follows:

"It is known that the proceeds of the proposed $25,000 bond issue is intended to be applied by the Board of Trustees of this city to the acquisition of lands and the construction of a municipal building, which shall contain, under one roof, a city hall, a public library, a recreation room for the amusement of the young people of the city, and a fire engine house with living quarters for a fire engine attendant, the estimated cost of which is approximately $10,000; that the remaining proceeds are proposed to be used in the purchase of a motor fire engine and in installing 200 fire hydrants at an estimated cost of $12,000 or $13,000.

The Civic club does not oppose either of the proposed improvements; on the contrary it heartily indorses each of them, but it is the sentiment of the club that the action taken by the Board of Trustees in adopting Res olution No. 118 in its present form, presents the questions involved in a manner which is very apt to arouse antagonism on the part of a number of the citizens of the city.

The resolution in its present form obscures the issues relating to the construction of a city hall, library and recreation hall covering them with the phrase "a public building to be used as a fire engine house, and other municipal purposes, and the acquisition of fire apparatus."

While the proposed improvement in the form of a combined hall, library, recreation room and engine house meets with the approval of the club, we consider it wiser to give each voter the privilege of casting his vote voluntarily upon each of the issues, rather than to convey the impression that he is being forced to vote for the entire issue, in order to secure fire protection for the city.

It is the sentiment of this club that the proposed bond issue will be much more favorably received if it is submitted to the voters not as a blanket issue of $25,000 to cover the cost of all the proposed municipal improvements, but either as two separate bond issues, one of $15,000 or such other amount as may be deemed necessary to construct the proposed municipal building, or by submitting, in addition to the proposed blanket issue, an alternative issue covering the proposed buildings be determined by the Los Angeles Board of Fire Underwriters, or some other competent and disinterested party or body, such selection to be made, of course, in the best interests of the city of Tropico as a whole.

The Civic club earnestly urges the Board of Trustees of this city to carefully consider the views herein contained, and to act in accordance therewith, and this club assures the Board of Trustees of its hearty co-operation in any such action which it may see fit to take.

The foregoing resolution was authorized and adopted by the Tropico Civic club at a meeting held January 28, 1913, in the city of Tropico, California.

D. H. JOHNSON,
President Tropico Civic Club.
O. S. CLEMMENS,
Secretary Tropico Civic Club.

The paper was read by Judge Van Netten and supported by a brief speech, assuring the board that the club's action was in no spirit of captious opposition to the proposed bond issue and with no purpose "to do politics." It was no more than just and fair to the voters of the city to be informed as to the use that was to be made of the money on the bonds proposed, and that they might be so informed was all the club wanted.

M. G. Coughlan spoke earnestly of the importance of united and harmonious action in this matter, and was warmly applauded.

Mr. H. H. Davenport believed it would be well to have the building site selected before the bond election is called.

At the conclusion of a recess of ten minutes President of the Board Bancroft announced an agreement to have the city attorney bring in a resolution of intention to call an election to authorize the issue of bonds for the purchase of a fire apparatus and a lot for a municipal building in the sum of $18,000; also for the construction of a municipal building in the sum of $7000, each proposition to be voted on separately.

Mr. Bancroft stated, in further explanation of the result of the board's conference, that of the $18,000 to be voted on, from $2000 to $2500 would be available for a lot for the engine house and other municipal buildings, and that the board would select as for the building from the best bid offered the site for the buildings the best bid offered.

Bids for a site were invited for consideration by the board at its regular meeting next Thursday night.

A communication was received from Mr. Findlay of the tile factory, suggesting that the city be divided into fire districts and different fire signals for each of same agreed upon and offering to install a special whistle for use of the city in sounding fire alarms.

Mr. J. C. Green, 624 Moore avenue, asked an order of the board for the removal of a "duck corral" on East Cypress street, or Heide Court.

Mrs. Harvey made application for a license for a Sunday afternoon matinee and was informed no license was necessary. No ordinance existed regulating the opening or closing of picture show theaters for a Sunday afternoon matinee.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

At the earnest solicitation of leading citizens the Star Theater management has decided to open its doors to the public on Sunday afternoons. its first Sunday afternoon matinee was given last Sunday and was favored with as large an attendance as it has ever had. The "small boys" of the City have hungered long for a treat of this kind, and the symptoms of their bigger brothers manifested an equal ravenousness. A lonesome Sunday afternoon is disastrous to the peace and comfort of the young people of this old earth. The open door to the picture show opens a way to escape and forget it.

Cayuga Lake scenery films at the Star last week made the old SENTINEL man remove his spectacles, rub his eyes and pinch himself hard before he could bring himself to a realization of the fact that he was here in Tropico and not a "boy again" wandering through the glens and along the shores of old Cayuga, revisiting the scenes of his school days more than half a century ago—the imagery of which in his memory today is as fadeless as the stars.

M. O. Ayres, banker and financier, of Dakota City, Neb., who is passing the winter in Southern California, is dividing his time between Tropico and Pomona, at which last named place his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Skeen, bankers of Cody, Nebraska, are visiting Mr. Skeen's people. On Friday of last week the party, including Mrs. S. A. Ayres of North Central Avenue, left for a few days stay at San Diego.

Every Wednesday night is Amateur Night at the Star Theater. Of the performance last Wednesday night, Mrs. Wm. Harvey, Jr., Mrs. A. L. Bancroft and Mrs. B. W. Richardson served as judges. As colored artists, John College and Bernie Martin were awarded first prize. In the pie contest John College captured the second prize and Miss Nell the third.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stuart Ayres of West Park Avenue entertained with a dinner party on Sunday last, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Faye Ennor of Los Angeles. Mr. Ennor is a practical electrician and connected with the Edison Company.

Charles Hipp has sold his bakery route and delivery equipment to A. E. Franklin. Mr. Hipp's largely increased and rapidly growing business has made this change necessary, that he may give his entire time and attention to his shop.

C. L. Thadaker, Tropico Agent of the Southern Pacific, finds himself comfortably at home with his family in his new Swiss Chalet recently built for him by Contractor C. B. Cunningham after the plan of one of his many artistic designs.

The Stork's appointment at the residence of Mr. John Tatum, 150 West Cypress ,was not forgotten, and on the morning of January 28, ult., the head of the family found himself the proud parent of a 6½ pound boy.

Dr. A. M. Duncan will hereafter only see patients in Los Angeles by appointment and will now devote most of his time to practice in Tropico. Office at his residence, 307 South San Fernando Road.

Charles E. Nicholson of East Acacia Avenue is getting around again as comfortably and briskly as is possible on three legs. With no backsets or further mishap he will soon be himself again.

Referees Griswold, Dodson and Peters in the condemnation proceedings for opening and widening Brand Boulevard have completed their examination of witnesses as to values of property sought to be condemned, and filed their report. Their investigations involved valuations upon 63 parcels of land to which there are 75 separate and distinct claimants. The appraisements aggregate $12,509.40. Nearly two weeks were consumed in the hearing of the claims presented and the taking of testimony. The referees were allowed the usual fees for like services, amounting to $75.00 each, and their Clerk $50.00.

At the conclusion of the City Hall seance last Thursday night a large number of the guests of the City Fathers sought surcease from cares of state in a visit to Pythian Hall where they were entertained at a bountiful banquet, preliminary to the preparation of which there was singing and speech-making. W. G. Cressey was master of ceremonies. Fred Pfennig, an opera-bouffe artist of Los Angeles, rendered several selections, and Billy Wallace, 410 Glassell Avenue, sang a solo, "What's the Use of Dreaming?" with fine effect.

Don't forget that tomorrow, Wednesday night, is amateur night at the Star Theater. Go early and get a good seat. There will be a big bunch of contestants and the fun will be fast and furious. All welcomed with open doors at the usual hour. See small bills for program.

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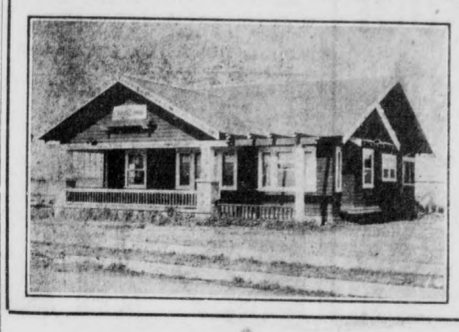

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By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

Tropico, Cal., January 28, 1913.
Jan. 28-Feb. 4-2t.

The Root of Evil

By THOMAS DIXON

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CHAPTER XIX.

The Devil Smiles.

STUART returned with renewed energy and enthusiasm to the practice of law. The wide fame he had achieved as district attorney brought him the best clients and from them he was able to choose only the cases which involved principles worth fighting for. His spare time he gave in a loving effort to restore the doctor to his old cheerful frame of mind. He had returned Bivens' money in spite of his protest and made his old friend a loan sufficient for his needs, taking his personal note for security.

He had no difficulty in learning the progress of Bivens in his search of Europe for health. The daily cabled reports to New York always gave his condition as better. But Stuart knew the truth. He received two or three letters a week from Nan. She had told him in full detail the little man's suffering, and at last of his homesickness, fast developing into a mania.

He was not surprised at the end of three months to hear her familiar voice over his telephone.

"Yes, we've returned, Jim—sailed incognito to escape the reporters. He is very feeble. We haven't been in the house three hours, but he has asked for you a dozen times. Can you come up at once?"

Stuart hesitated, then, "I'll come," he answered slowly.

He lost all sense of danger in the warmth and tenderness of Nan's greeting. He not only forgot his fears but reproached himself for his low estimate of her character in supposing that she would allow herself or permit him to cross the line of danger. Her solicitude for Bivens seemed deep and genuine.

Bivens' joy at meeting Stuart was pathetic, and moved him deeply. He was surprised to find him so strong, apparently, in body and yet so broken in spirit.

The little shrunken hand clung to his friend's.

"You know, I felt the thing creeping on me for the past two years, but I couldn't let up. That's why I tried so hard to put some of the load on your shoulders. At least you can help me to get well. To the devil with the doctors! I'm tired, too, of all the sycophants, liars and fools who hang around. I didn't mind 'em when I was well. But they get on my nerves now. The doctors kept dinning into my ears that I've got to rest and play, and finally one old duffer over in France put an idea into my head that brought me back home to see you. He told me to get on a small boat with a single nurse and a congenial friend, get away from land, cut every telephone and telegraph line, get no mail, and shoot ducks all winter, and he'd guarantee I'd be a new man next spring. I've sent for you to accept the invitation you gave me to shoot ducks with you down in Virginia."

"What invitation?" Stuart asked in surprise.

"Why, the one you used to reproach me for not accepting. Will you go with me now?"

Stuart shook his head.

"I can't go," he said slowly.

Bivens hadn't said Nan must go on that trip, but in a flash of warning intuition he knew it. The danger of such a situation on a yacht would be real and only a fool would rush into it.

"Can't go? Why?" the financier asked in tones of genuine distress.

"I've important legal business. There's no use in my going. I can tell you exactly where to go, the guides to get and the kind of boats you'll need. You'll get along better without me."

"I won't go without you," the financier said peevishly. "You know the place, you know all about the birds, you can teach me the ins and outs of the business and I can trust you. I know that you won't try to worm out of me any information my enemies would like to know. I appeal to the boy I used to know at college, the fellow who fought for me one day."

Stuart hesitated and looked at Nan, who had stood motionless while Bivens spoke.

"Well, if that's the way you put it, I'll take a vacation and go with you for a month."

Bivens seized his hand and pressed it gratefully.

"Best medicine I've had in weeks."

Nan walked slowly across the room, looked into his eyes and said, with emotion:

"Thank you, Jim."

In five days the party had completed all preparations and Bivens' big steamer, the Buccaneer, slipped quietly through the Narrows and headed for the Virginia coast, towing a trim little schooner built for cruising in the shoal waters of the south.

They had scarcely put to sea when Stuart began to curse himself for being led into such a situation.

Bivens had insisted with amateurish enthusiasm that they begin the cruise on the little schooner—with her limited crew and close quarters—at once, and use the Buccaneer as her tender. The moment they struck the swell outside Sandy Hook the financier went to bed and the doctor never left his side until the trip ended.

Nan was in magnificent spirits, her cheeks flushed and her eyes sparkled with the joy of a child. Stuart watched her with growing wonder at her eternal youth.

The night was one of extraordinary springlike air though it was the 15th of December. A gentle breeze was blowing from the south and the full moon flooded the smooth sea with soft silvery radiance. Nan insisted that Stuart sit on deck with her. There was no help for it. Bivens would allow no one except the doctor in his room, and so Stuart resigned himself to the beauty of the glorious scene.

"Jim!" she said, softly. "I don't like your attitude, and I think we'd

"Best medicine I've had in weeks."

better fight it out here and now in the beginning of this trip. It's useless to deny it. You hesitated to come on deck with me in the moonlight this evening. Your assumption of such chilling virtue is insulting. I wish an apology and a promise never to do so again."

"Have I really made you feel this?" he asked contritely.

"You have and feel it keenly. Let's come to an understanding. You and I both live in glass houses set on a very high hill. No matter what may be the secrets of my heart, I'm not a fool, and you can trust my good sense."

Stuart pressed her hand and said gently:

"I'm awfully sorry if I've made such an ass of myself that you have received this impression."

"Then I forgive you!" she cried, with a laugh, releasing her hand and rising, "but on one condition."

"Name it."

"That from this hour you be your old self without restraint and let me be mine."

"I promise faithfully."

"Then you can help me down that steep companionway and I'll go to bed. Good night."

But he didn't spend a good night. The longer he thought of it the more sinister and dangerous he felt his position. At last he squarely faced the fact that his desire for Nan had increased a hundredfold by the fact that he had lost her.

As he sat in the darkness in his stateroom he could hear every sound in the adjoining one which she occupied as plainly as if the thin panelling of wood were not between them.

He was a fool to be caught in such a trap. His love had been too big and serious a tragedy to end in a vulgar intrigue. He made up his mind to cut his trip short on some pretext, and in the meantime he would devote himself faithfully to an attempt to start Bivens on the road to recovery.

At 8 o'clock the next morning the black nose of the Buccaneer slowly felt her way into Hog Island inlet, on the shores of old Virginia, and dropped her anchor in the deep waters of the channel back of the sand spit.

As Stuart stepped on deck a cloud of black ducks circled gracefully overhead and slowly spread out on their feeding grounds. His heart gave a throb of primitive joy. He was a boy again and the world was young.

"Confound them!" he cried. "I'll show these ducks a trick or two before this trip is over."

He was glad he came. Bivens had put him in command of the little schooner, and he gave orders at once to lower a tender and tow her to an old anchorage he knew in a little cove behind Gull marsh. And then his trouble began with Bivens.

"Let 'em fly if they want to; I'm not going to budge. Go yourself, Jim."

"Go myself! What do you suppose I gave up my work and came down here a month for? I came to try to teach you how to live, you fool, and I'm not going without you. Get into your togs! The guides are here and ready. The tide waits for no man, not even a millionaire; it's ebbing now."

"Well, let it ebb. I don't want to stop it!" the sick man snarled.

Nan came in, pressed Stuart's hand as she passed, nodded good morning and joined her voice to Stuart's.

"Come; you must go, Cal. It's a glorious day."

The doctor slipped in a word too.

"By all means, Mr. Bivens, get your hand in the first day."

Bivens lifted himself to a half sitting posture, glared at his physician and yelled with fury:

"Get out—all of you—and let me alone!"

The doctor and Nan left on tip toe, but Stuart folded his arms and looked at Bivens.

"Oh, come now, this is too ridiculous, a quarrel the first day of our shooting. But you'll have to get one thing fixed in your head once for all; you don't run the entire world. The telephone, telegraph and mail service have been suspended. The Buccaneer has put to sea for New York. You're on a little eighty-foot schooner, anchored in a bay ten miles wide and a hundred miles long and I'm in command. I won't stand any nonsense from you. Come down off your perch, quick!"

Bivens started to swear, caught the expression of Stuart's face and suddenly extended his hand.

"I'm sorry, Jim; you must not mind my foolishness. It was awfully nice of you to come. I'll stay in today, but you go and get some ducks for dinner, like a good boy, and say—take Nan along and teach her to shoot. It's getting to be the rage among the high flyers for the women to shoot."

"Please do, Jim!" Nan cried from the door. She had listened outside to the duel in the stateroom.

"All right," he answered.

For five days Bivens stuck to his bed with dogged determination, and each day Stuart went out with Nan. Never had she been more resistlessly charming. Each day their association grew in tender intimacy and every fear that had stirred his heart at first was lulled at last to sleep.

On the sixth day Bivens rose early and declared that he would try the ducks. The barometer was falling, and dark, snowy looking clouds were piling up on the western horizon. A breeze came stealing out of the cloud banks with the chill of snow in its breath.

Bivens insisted on going out at once, against the advice and the protest of the guide. He not only insisted on going after the ducks, but, what was worse, swore that he was going to get his mail and telegrams from the shore.

Stuart protested vigorously.

"I've told you that the guide is the only man who can run that tender over the crooked course to the mainland, and if he goes away we'll have no one to take us out."

"What do you need a guide for? It's not a half mile to those blinds. I've seen you every day go back and forth in plain view of the yacht. Nan could row out there and back by herself. Send him ashore. Don't you know how to put out your own decoys?"

"If a strong blow comes we'll need two strong men to handle the boat."

"Rot!" Bivens cried. "We've got two tenders. Send your guide ashore with one of the sailors to run his engine. The other man can tow us out and back."

CHAPTER XX.

The Tempter's Voice.

AGAINST his judgment Stuart allowed Bivens to have his way. The little man clambered on deck and bustled about, giving orders to the sailor who was stowing the lunch and ammunition.

When Stuart stopped the tender at the first blind, about 500 yards away, Bivens protested.

"Here, here! I'm no mollycoddle if I have been sick. I can throw a stone to this blind. This isn't the one I want. There it is down yonder toward the end of that marsh. I saw thousands of ducks circling around it yesterday. I've given in to you every day we've been down here. I'm going to have my way this time."

He turned to the sailor who was running the tender's engine and spoke sharply.

"Go to that other blind!"

The sailor sprang to the wheel, and the tender shot ahead. Stuart settled back in his seat with angry disgust, and Bivens laughed.

"Cheer up; it's no use to give orders for a funeral yet. If we can't get back to that yacht in fifteen minutes against any wind that blows today I'll eat my hat. I'm feeling better than I have for months. I'm in for a good time. Don't be a piker."

Stuart determined to make the best of it.

"All right," he answered cheerfully.

"Good Lord, man, I could walk back to the yacht at low water—it all goes bare."

"Yes, unless the wind hauls in to the northeast and rolls in a big tide through that inlet."

"All right; let her roll. The tender will come back and pull us in."

By the time the decoys were out it began to spit snow, and the wind had freshened.

As the sailor was about to start back Stuart spoke sharply:

"Listen to me now, Niels. Keep a sharp watch on this weather. If you see the wind haul to the north put a compass in your tender, take your bearing from the yacht to this blind in case it should shut in thick and come after us in double quick time. You understand?"

"Yes, sir."

"If it looks bad don't wait too long. If it should be blowing a gale you'd better bring the cook along to steer while you watch your engine. Have him fix a light supper before he starts."

Bivens was vastly amused at Stuart's orders.

Stuart scanned the horizon, watching a flock of ducks working their way northward. The sign was ominous. Birds know which way the wind is going to blow before it comes, and if a gale is on the way they always work into the teeth of it.

It was useless to tell this to Bivens. He didn't have sense enough to understand it. But Stuart quietly made up his mind to take up the decoys and row in as soon as the tide ebbed down to two feet of water.

In the meantime he would make the best of the situation. The ducks began to come in and decoy like chickens. He killed half a dozen and in the excitement began to forget the foolhardiness of the trip.

Bivens shot a dozen times, missed, got disgusted and began to fret and complain. He said:

"Jim, would you mind telling me the mental process by which you rejected my offer? You're the only man I've struck on this earth that didn't have his price."

"Perhaps we have different ways of fixing values. You are not yet fifty years old and a wreck. What's the use? What can you do with your money now?"

"It brings luxury, ease, indulgence, power, admiration, wonder and the envy of the world."

"What's the good of luxury if you can't enjoy it, ease if you never take it, indulgence when you have lost the capacity to play, power if you're too busy getting more to stop and wield it?"

"Jim, you're the biggest fool I ever knew, without a single exception."

Stuart glanced anxiously toward the yacht. It was 3 o'clock. The tide had ebbed half out and there was barely enough water on the flats now for the tender to cross. It was snowing harder and the wind had begun to inch in toward the north.

"No more ducks today, Cal," Stuart said briskly, returning to his tone of friendly comradeship. "We've got to get away from here. It's getting colder every minute. It will be freezing before night."

"Well, let it freeze," Bivens cried peevishly. "What do we care? It's just ten minutes' run when the tender comes."

To Stuart's joy he saw the men start the tender.

"It's all right; they're coming now!" he exclaimed. "We'll have another crack or two before they get here."

He crouched low in the blind for five minutes without getting a shot, rose and looked for the tender. To his horror he saw her drifting helpless before the wind, her engine stopped and both men waving frantically their signals of distress.

"My God!" he exclaimed. "The tender's engine is broken down!"

"Why don't the fools use the oars?"

"They can't move her against this wind!"

"Will they go to sea?" Bivens asked, with some anxiety.

"No; they'll bring up somewhere on a mud flat or marsh in the bay on this low water, but God help them if they can't fight their way back before flood-tide."

"Why?" Bivens asked incredulously. "They'd freeze to death in an open boat tonight."

"Norwegian sailors? Bosh! Not on your life! They were born on icebergs."

Stuart rose and looked anxiously at the receding tide. He determined to try to reach the yacht at once. He put the guns into their cases, snapped the lids of the ammunition boxes, stowed the ducks he had killed under the stern of the boat and stepped out into the shallow, swiftly moving water. He decided to ignore Bivens and regard him as so much junk. He pulled the boat out of the blind, shoved it among the decoys and took them up quickly.

The snow had ceased to fall, and the cold was increasing every moment. Stuart scanned the horizon anxiously, but could see no sign of the disabled tender.

He had gone perhaps 200 yards when the boat grounded on the flats. He saw at once that it was impossible to make the yacht until flood tide. The safest thing to do was to get out and push to the island marsh, 200 or 300 yards away. There they could take exercise enough to keep warm until the tide came in again. It would be a wait of two hours in bitter cold and pitch darkness.

Bivens sat up and growled.

"What's the matter? Can't you hurry up? I'm freezing to death!"

"We can't make it on this tide. We will have to go to the marsh."

"Can't we walk over the flats and let the boat go?"

"I could walk it, but you couldn't."

"Why not?" Bivens asked angrily.

"Because you haven't the strength."

"Nothing of the sort!" Bivens protested viciously.

He stepped out of the boat and started wading through the mud. He had made about ten steps when his boot stuck fast and he reeled and fell.

Stuart picked him up without comment and led him back to the boat. Bivens was about to climb in when the lawyer spoke quickly:

"You can't sit down now. You've got to keep your body in motion or you'll freeze. Take hold of the stern of the boat and shove her."

Muttering incoherent curses, the little man obeyed while his friend walked in front, pulling on the bow line.

In fifteen minutes they reached the marsh and began the dreary tramp of two hours until the tide should rise high enough to float their boat again.

"Why can't we walk along this marsh all the way to where the yacht lies?" Bivens asked fretfully. "We can fire a gun, and the doctor can help us on board."

"We can't go without the boat. The marsh is a string of islands cut by three creeks. The doctor has no way to get to us. Both tenders are gone."

Stuart kept Bivens moving just fast enough to maintain the warmth of his body without dangerous exhaustion.

The wait was shorter than expected. The tide suddenly ceased to run ebb and began to come in. The reason was an ominous one. The wind had hauled squarely into the north and increased its velocity to forty miles an hour, and each moment the cold grew more terrible. Stuart found the little boat afloat on the flood tide, jumped in without delay and began his desperate battle against wind and tide.

It was absolutely necessary for Bivens to keep his body in motion, so Stuart gave him an oar and ordered him to get on his knees and help shove her ahead. He knew it was impossible for him to keep his feet.

Bivens tried to do as he was told and made a mess of it. He merely succeeded in shoving the boat around.

Stuart saw they could never make headway by that method, turned and shot back into the marsh.

"Get out!" he shouted sternly. "You can walk along the edge. I can shove her alone."

Bivens grumbled, but did as he was ordered.

"Don't you leave the edge of that marsh ten feet!" Stuart shouted cheerfully. "I think we'll make it now."

It was a question whether one man had the strength to shove the little boat through the icy, roaring waters and keep her off the shore. He did it successfully for a hundred yards, and the wind and sea became so fierce he was driven in and could make no headway. He called Bivens, gave him an oar and made him walk in the edge of the water and hold the boat off while he placed his oar on the mud bottom and pushed.

It took two hours of desperate battling to make half a mile through the white, blinding, freezing, roaring waters. The yacht now lay but 300 feet away from the edge of the marsh.

"Say, why do we stop so much?" Bivens growled. "I'm freezing to death. Let's get to that yacht."

"We'll do our best," Stuart answered gravely, "and if you know how to pray now's your time."

"Oh, tommyrot!" Bivens said contemptuously. "I can throw a stone to her from here."

"Get in," Stuart commanded, "and lie down again flat on your back!"

Bivens obeyed, and the desperate fight began.

Stuart made the first few strokes with his oars successfully and cleared the shore, only to be driven back against it with a crash. A wave swept over the little craft.

Stuart grasped Bivens' hand and found a cake of ice on his wrist. He shoved the boat's nose again into the wind and pulled on his oars with a steady, desperate stroke, and she shot ahead. For five minutes he held her head into the sea and gained a few yards. He set his feet firmly against the oak timbers in the boat's side and began to lengthen his quick, powerful stroke. He found to his joy he was making headway. He looked over his shoulder and saw that he was half way. He couldn't be more than 150 feet and yet he didn't seem to be getting any nearer. It was now or never. He bent to his oars with the last ounce of reserve power in his tall sinewy frame, and the next moment an oar snapped, the boat spun round like a top and in a minute was hurled back helpless on the marsh.

As the sea dashed over her again Bivens looked up stupidly and growled:

"Why don't you keep her straight?"

Stuart sprang out and pulled the numbed man to his feet, half dragged and lifted him ashore.

"Here, here, wake up!" he shouted in his ear. "Get a move on you, or you're a goner." He began to rub Bivens' ice clad wrists and hands, and the little man snatched them away angrily.

"Stop it!" he snarled. "My hands are not cold now."

"No, they're freezing," he answered as he started across the marsh in a dog trot, pulling Bivens after him. The little man stood it for a hundred yards, suddenly tore himself loose and angrily faced his companion.

"Say, suppose you attend to your own hide—I can take care of myself."

"I tell you, you're frezing. You're getting numb. As soon as I can get your blood a little warm we've got to wade through that water for a hundred yards and make the yacht."

"I'll do nothing of the sort," Bivens said. "I'll stay here till the next tide and walk out when the water's ebbed off. I'm not half as cold as I was."

"You're losing the power to feel. You've got to plunge into that water with me now, and we can fight our way to safety in five minutes. The water is only three feet deep, and I can lift you over the big waves. We'll be there in a jiffy. Come on!"

He seized his arm again and dragged him to the edge of the water. Bivens stopped short and tore himself from Stuart's grip.

"I'll see you to the bottomless pit before I'll move another inch!" he yelled savagely. "Go to the devil and let me alone. I'll take care of myself."

"All right," Stuart said contemptuously as he turned and left him.

He began to walk briskly along the marsh to keep warm. All he had to do tonight was to apply the law of self interest by which Bivens had lived and waxed mighty and tomorrow he could take the woman he loved in his arms, move into his palace its master and hers. There could be no mistake about Nan's feelings. He had read the yearning of her heart with unerring insight. Visions of a life of splendor, beauty and power with her by his side swept his imagination.

"She's mine, and I'll take her!" he cried. "Let the little, scheming, oily, cunning scoundrel die tonight by his own law of self interest. I've done my part."

There came a change; his heart was suddenly flooded with memories of his boyhood, its dreams of heroic deeds; his mother's serene face, his father's high sense of honor.

He turned quickly and retraced his steps. Bivens was crouching on his knees with his back to the fierce, icy wind, feebly striking his hands together.

"Are you going to fight your way with me back to that yacht, Cal?" he asked sternly.

"I am not," was the short answer. "I am going to walk the marsh till 4 o'clock."

"You haven't the strength. You can't walk fast enough to keep from freezing. You'll have to keep it up eight hours. You're cold and wet and exhausted. It's certain death if you stay."

"I've told you I'll take my chances here, and I want y"—

He never finished the sentence. Stuart suddenly gripped his throat, threw him flat on his back and while he kicked and squirmed and swore drew a cord from his pocket and tied his

AQUEDUCT NOTES

The Los Angeles aqueduct that skirts the western half of Antelope Valley and is to furnish that city with water is the greatest municipal undertaking in the world.

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In addition, the water power will be utilized in producing 120,000 h. p. peak load, of electrical energy, the sale of which will take care of the bonds and interest of both the aqueduct and electric plant.

SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Maude Love Lowell of Los Angeles, formerly of Colorado City, Colo., who was so seriously burned in Los Angeles when the sleeve of her kimono, ignited from an alcohol lamp, is the house guest of Mrs. David H. Imler while recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Gaarder of Glendale avenue very pleasantly entertained the Tropico Thursday Afternoon club at 500 at their home Friday evening. Dr. Jessie Russel scored for lady's first prize, while Wayland Chapman received gentleman's first prize. The proceeds of the card club will be added to the club house building fund.

Mrs. Myra C. K. Shuey of Columbus avenue was the over-Sunday guest of Los Angeles relatives.

Miss Mary Hughes of Los Angeles was the week-end guest of Mrs. S. A. Pollock of West Park avenue.

Dr. Morris and his sister, Mrs. Charles A. Barker, of Glendale avenue, entertained with a dinner party Friday evening complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Peckham of Glendale, former Chicago friends.

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EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY EVENING AT TROPICO SCHOOL

Mrs. W. H. Berteaux, president of the Tropico Parent-Teacher association, assisted by Mrs. Martha McClure, principal of the Tropico school, has arranged a most excellent program which will be presented Friday evening at the school building when the Parent-Teacher association will entertain the fathers and male guardians and mothers of the children. Hitherto the meetings have been held the first Friday afternoon of each month at the school when the mothers have been tendered not only interesting but very instructive programs. Mrs. Berteaux and Mrs. McClure have arranged that the fathers be entertained and with this end in view have prepared this excellent program for Friday evening. Prof. J. H. Francis of the Los Angeles city schools, will give an address, which will be supplemented by a musical program presented by Prof. Karl Becker, noted violinist.

Herr Karl Becker is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music of Leipsic, also a pupil of the noted violinist, Herr Hans Fitt.

Professor Becker was a student of the late Henry Holmes, the famous English violinist, and for two years was a member of the renowned Holmes String Quartette, previous to the death of Professor Holmes.

At present Professor Becker is assistant to Professor Ignace Haroldi, of Los Angeles. Friday evening Professor Becker will be accompanied by Leo Oehmler, the well-known composer of Pasadena. Professor Becker will play several of Professor Oehmler's compositions. That there will be a large audience to greet these noted musicians as well as to hear Professor Francis of Los Angeles is evidenced by the large number of patrons of the Tropico schools who have informed Mrs. Berteaux and Mrs. McClure of their acceptance of the invitations extended. Not only the school patrons, but the citizens of Tropico are most cordially invited to attend the meeting of Friday evening.

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The undersigned do hereby certify that they are conducting a Planing Mill business at No. 220 Geneva Street, in the City of Glendale, Los Angeles County, California, under the fictitious firm name of Glendale Mill Company, and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names and addresses are as follows, to-wit:

C. U. Mandis, 480 West 5th St., Glendale, Calif.
G. A. Ganahl, 312 West Madison St., Chicago, Illinois.

Witness our hands this 27th day of December, 1912.

C. U. MANDIS.
G. A. GANAHL.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,) ss.
County of Los Angeles.)

On this 27th day of December, in the year nineteen hundred and twelve, before me, Harry W. Chase, a Notary Public in and for said County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared C. U. Mandis, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal.
(SEAL) HARRY W. CHASE,
Notary Public in and for said County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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On this 8th day of January, A. D., 1913, before me, Herman Waldman, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared G. A. Ganahl, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.
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CITIZENS INVESTIGATE INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS

Word Received at City Hall That Some People are Living in Poverty While Others Try to Artificially Raise Prices on Food—Will Study Minimum Wage Question.

Calling for a thorough investigation of industrial and labor conditions, the feasibility of a minimum wage law for women and features connected with the high cost of living, the council yesterday adopted a comprehensive report made by the industrial committee, composed of Councilmen Topham and Reed, and naming a committee of seven citizens to conduct the investigation.

The committee of citizens is to report not later than June 1 and is especially instructed to look into charges that produce dealers throw away food products in order to artificially increase the cost of living

Following is the report in full:

"Numerous reports have been received by this committee to the effect that there are people in this city suffering from poverty, while produce dealers are charged with destroying food products and otherwise trying to artificially raise the price of living.

"We are also creditably informed that wages in some lines of work, particularly the wages of women in department stores, laundries and elsewhere, are too low in some cases to live upon. Your committee believes that this is a proper matter for investigation. We also believe that in this connection there should be a thorough investigation into industrial conditions in this city. We therefore recommend the appointment of the following committee of citizens to serve without pay: Vernon McCullough, John A. Merrill, Mrs. Frances Noel, Mrs. Lucy S. Blanchard, Rev. George A. Henry, Mrs. M. E. Johnson, George Dunlop.

"This committee is requested to study into industrial conditions in this city and report their findings to this council on or before June 1, 1913, said committee to give particular attention to the cost of labor, raw materials and transportation in Los Angeles as compared with other cities; hours of labor of all classes cost of rent and chief necessities of life; the volume of manufacture and commerce; the conditions of labor in this city relative to standard of living as compared with other cities; the feasibility of a minimum wage law for women; and any other matters relative to the condition of labor which the committee may see fit to investigate; and we further recommend that the committee be requested to call upon B. F. Butterfield, 1714 East Twenty-first street, to prove his charges that in Los Angeles 'There are children by scores partially living on garbage stolen from garbage cans in and about the various produce markets.'"

Following the adoption of the report, President Williams of the council stated that he wished to call the attention of the new committee to the fact that there was a fish trust in the city which he alleged exacted 2 cents a pound on all fish sold in Los Angeles, no matter what the market price or other conditions were.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

ARMED GUARDS WILL PROTECT GITY WATER

Hogback creek riparian rights, disputed by the city, Dr. C. H. Merritt and the Southern Pacific railroad, may cause the aqueduct department to send an armed guard into the Sierras, north of Haiwee, to prevent any interference with the use of the rights which the city claims.

The city diverted the waters of Hogback creek into a pipe line to Haiwee reservoir and the Southern Pacific wants to acquire the rights as it has been purchasing water from the city. Merritt has a claim to the waters of the creek for use in irirgating a school fund tract. The Southern Pacific tried to buy Meritt's rights and could not.

Merritt diverted the water from the pipe line into the old creek-bed. The Southern Pacific sent a section crew and turned the water back into the pipeline. Then Merritt turned it back into the creek.

"And there it was when I last heard of it," Chief Engineer Mulholland told the aqueduct advisory board. The water right and pipeline are owned by the city and the line may be sold to the railroad if Merritt is eliminated by legal process—a hard matter for he is a troublesome customer, aqueduct officials say.

Until courts can be brought into action Mulholland was authorized to send a guard to the point of diversion with instructions to prevent any further molestation from Merritt.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

SCRAMBLE NARROWS

Ten Out of 16 Saloon Applicants are Eliminated

The process of elimination in the applications for the one lonely saloon permit the police commission has to grant, has narrowed down from 16 to six and these will be considered by the police commission at its meeting this morning.

Some of the locations for which the permit was asked were found to be improper after a personal inspection by the police commission and some others will be protested out by property owners who do not want any more saloons established in their vicinity.

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TO CHANGE TRAFFIC LAW

New Measure Submitted to Legislation Committee

Traffic problems were discussed at length by the legislation committee of the council and some minor changes in the draft of the measure were ordered by the city attorney.

Probably the most important change is that relating to the time a vehicle is allowed to stand at the curb. It was proposed at first to permit standing at the curb for 20 minutes instead of 30 as at present in the congested district and to prohibit standing at the curb altogether between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m. This was modified so as to permit standing for 10 minutes between the hours mentioned.

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LIBRARY ATTENDANTS ASK RECLASSIFICATION

Employes Want Civil Service Commission to Place Them Back in Old Position—Salaries Remain Same.

After four months' trial of the reclassification of attendants in the public library, those attendants who were formerly assistant principals and lose their titles by reason of the change, have come to the conclusion they do not like it. They appealed to the civil service commission to place them on the eligible list for attendants of the first class without requiring them to take another examination. The civil service commission is considering the request, but first wants to know what the library board thinks about it.

The mild objection the once assistant principals have to the new system dates back to the days when Charles F. Lummis was librarian. Lummis arranged all the library employes into grades, of which there were so many that they used the alphabet up to "W" to letter them all. And there were two classes in nearly every grade.

This included 16 grades of assistant principals. These attendants had to take an examination to qualify for the position of assistant principal. Under the charter principals of departments are exempt from civil service.

No Salary Change.

Last September the library employes were reclassified into the simple system of first assistant librarian, second assistant librarian, first class attendants and second class attendants. The protesting assistant principals were placed with the second class attendants.

Now those same assistant principals were second class attendants before they took civil service examinations for the positions of assistant principals and were thereby advanced. They say it is unfair that they should lose the advantage of the examination they took. If placed on the eligible list for attendants of the first class without another examination they say they will be satisfied.

But the hardship is more apparent than real. As assistant principals they received $70 a month and as attendants of the second class they receive the same salaries. Their duties are exactly the same. So while the title has been abolished by the reclassification, they have sustained no material loss, is the way the civil service commission looks at it.

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SALARIES ARE REVISED

Readjustment Made in Pay of Attaches of Prosecutor's Office

Revision of salaries of deputies in the city prosecutor's office was sanctioned yesterday by the council on the recommendation of the finance committee. This revision will increase the salary of D. R. Gardner, assistant city prosecutor, from $175 to $200 a month and reduce the salary of an unfilled deputyship to $125 a month. No increase is made in the payroll of the city prosecutor's office by the change.

R. E. Nimmo, city prosecutor, told the finance committee that three deputies in his office receive $175 a month and that the assistant is one of these. As the assistant has to assume more responsibilities than the other deputies who receive the same salary Nimmo declared it was only right that the assistant should be paid more.

The vacant deputyship to which the salary of $125 is to be attached has not been filled since Guy Eddie left the office and the other deputies in the office moved up a notch. It is Nimmo's plan to secure as good a man for the position as he can get and assign him to duty at University station, where the work is light and the responsibilities not so great.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

TO PAY AS THEY GO

Council Decides to Transfer But $5000 of Money Requested

Instead of granting the request of the board of public works that $35,000 be transferred from the general expense fund to the assessment and damage fund, the council transferred $5000 only. This money is to be used in paying assessments against public property for the improvement of Macy, from Los Angeles river to Main; Menlo avenue, from Thirty-ninth to Leighton and Stephenson, from Boyle avenue to the east city boundary.

These improvements are to be made at once, but those for which the board wanted the additional $30,000 are only in prospect. The council instructed the board of public works to notify the finance committee when other streets need money for assessments and it will then be transferred, but no money is to come out of the general expense fund until it is absolutely necessary.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

UNION TOOL COMPANY MAKES LARGE SHIPMENT OF MACHINERY TO JAJAN

Since January 1st more than $250,000 worth of oil well machinery has been shipped from the Union Tool company, which has just completed its removal to the new plant at Torrance, to the Mitsui company of Japan.

J. S. Torrance has left Los Angeles for Panama to study the conditions in the zone, and on his return will make suggestions to the end that anything overlooked in the construction of the plant at the city hearing his name can be rectified before the business of the canal reaches the harbor.

Permission to lay a pipe drain under the sidewalk in Alameda street north of Apablasa street was granted the Southern Pacific company by the board of public works.

Resolutions were adopted by the board of public works requiring the Pacific Electric to make pavement repairs between its tracks on Sunset boulevard, from Douglas street to Fountain avenue, and notifying the Salt Lake railroad to repair the pavement where its main line crosses North Main street and East Seventh street.

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WOULD USE FUNDS TO OPEN NEW PLAYGROUND

Commissioners Have Plan to Provide Facilities for Children In Riverbed Courts—News of Department.

Revival of the old fashioned game of roque has been demanded by the adult frequenters of the city playgrounds and the playground department is preparing to fill the demand. A roque court has been established at Hazard playground and two will be installed at Echo Park. Similar courts will be provided at Exposition Park playgrounds.

The playground commission has prepared plans and specifications for a field house at Exposition Park to cost about $4000. The county will help pay the cost of this building. An auditorium is to be added to the Violet street playground at a cost of about $2000.

A girls' field house will be built at Echo Park playground to cost $1000.

Want Summer Camp

The playground commission is making arrangements to spend about $700 from the benevolent fund for playground facilities in the courts owned by the city in the riverbed. This fund was established several years ago by Senator John D. Works, when he was president of the city council. It is to be used jointly by the playground commission and the housing commission.

The playground commission has asked the Southern Pacific to establish playground facilities in Mission Court, one of the tenement districts owned by the railroad.

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ELECT PRESIDENT OF UTILITIES COMMISSION

Members of Board Select Wheeler for Position—Foulkes Will Remain Until Spring Rates Are Fixed.

Frederick Freeman Wheeler, who was elected president of the board of public utilities, will assume his duties Feb. 1. He was elected to succeed Thomas Foulkes, who resigned. The president of the board draws a salary of $300 a month and under the ordinance he is required to give his entire time to the work.

Wheeler has maintained a desk in the offices of the board for some time and practically has given his whole time to the work and is familiar with the routine of the office.

Foulkes still retains his office as a member of the board and says he intends to stay until after the rate fixing in the spring, at least. He is planning to go abroad, but will remain a member of the board until he is ready to go.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

RECORDS ARE BARRIER

Civil Service Board Denies Examination to Applicants

J. J. Clayton and P. H. Grace were denied permission by the civil service commission to take the examination for boiler inspector held last Saturday. The commission expressed the opinion that these two men had been a source of annoyance to the boiler inspection department and the civil service department for years and would not make efficient city employes.

Clayton has a record that the commission considered against him. He told the commission that he had served ten months in jail for assaulting Earl Rogers and had been fined $20 in police court on another assault charge. He pleaded that he had paid the penalty for whatever misdeeds he had committed and he should not be made to suffer more by the commission's refusal to permit him to take the examination.

Examiner Dee reported to the commission that he had caught P. H. Grace cheating at a recent examination and that disqualified him, according to the commission's ruling.

Grace and Clayton made frequent complaints to the council and the civil service commission about F. E. Griesmer when he was boiler inspector.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

DOLLAR STEAMSHIP LAUNCH NEW VESSEL

The 230-foot steamship Grace Dollar was launched at the Craig shipbuilding plant. Mrs. Fred Dickson, formerly Miss Grace Dollar, and daughter of Robert Dollar, president of the company for which the boat was built, acted as sponsor for the boat, breaking the bottle of champagne amid the cheering of thousands who witnessed the spectacle.

NEW FIVE CENT PIECES WILL SOON BE HERE

Philadelphia: Twenty-five special die machines at the United States mint here today began punching out new 5-cent pieces designed by James E. Frazier at the rate of 120 nickels per minute. The total output of these machines each day will be 1,440,000 nickels.

On one side of the new coin, replacing the woman's head, is the head of an Indian with the word "Liberty" above it and "1913" below. On the opposite side is the figure of a buffalo with the wording "Five cents" under it. Circling the sides will be "United States of America and "E Pluribus Unum." The new coins will be put into circulation immediately.

Half day absences, once a month, to attend meeting of the Galpin Shakespeare club at Cumnock hall, as requested by this organization, were denied by the board of education because it would make a precedent by which all clubs could ask similar absences for their members. The board suggested that the Galpin club arrange its meetings to suit the hours when teachers are not employed.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

FIRE CHIEF EAGER TO LEAVE HOSPITAL BED

Eley Recovers From Effects of Being Overcome by Smoke In Basement of Burning Hotel—Other Fighters Improving.

Chief A. J. Eley will be out of the hospital the end of this week despite his close call at the Hotel Breenan fire. His doctors do not want him to get out so soon, but the hardest thing for the fire chief to do is to stay in bed and he refuses to be sick a minute after he can stand on his legs. The fact that he had only been out of the hospital a few days before the Hotel Brennan fire and had arisen from bed after an attack of pneumonia, before he should, was one of the chief reasons why he had to go back again.

An official report of the accident to the chief at the hotel fire was made to the fire commission by Assistant Chief O'Donnell. According to O'Donnell Eley plunged into the smoke and water filled basement of the hotel in search of some firemen he believed had fallen through the first floor to the basement. Near the front of the basement the chief, who was weakened by his recent sick spell, was overcome by smoke and gas and fell to the basement floor. There was more than four feet of water in the basement at the time and the chief would have been drowned had it not been that he was accompanied by Fireman E. A. Gripp, who was not much affected by the smoke and gas, and who held his chief out of the water until help arrived.

The two were found by Firemen C. K. Chamberlain, J. T. Walker and Joe Schlenker, who carried the chief out of the building and placed him in an ambulance. He was taken to the Columbia hospital from which he had just been discharged a few days before.

Three other firemen were also injured at this fire to such an extent they are off duty. They are: S. H. Dyer, M. R. Kline and H. S. Printon. They will be carried on the payroll until they recover.

In discussing the fire the commission extended a vote of thanks to Loewen Brothers, D. L. Ford, Jr., and the Los Angeles Wall Paper company for furnishing hot coffee and sandwiches to the firemen as they worked on the burning building.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

MOTHERS PENSION BILL PRESENTED TO LEGISLATURE

An $860,000 appropriation for a mother's pension system is contained in a bill backed by the state board of control, to be introduced into both houses of the legislature.

The system outlined in the bill contemplates the keeping of children of dependent mothers in their homes, state aid being extended through the county government. The mother, under the bill, may apply to the board of supervisors for aid, which may be granted to the amount of $12.50 a month for each child, half to be paid by the county and half by the state.

When any mother is denied aid, she is given the right of direct appeal to the board of control, which, under the bill will have on its staff three special investigators, to keep in touch with such cases. No formal appeal is necessary on the mother's part other than an ordinary letter.

Provision is made for the custody, in institutions, of only those children who cannot be cared for at home.

NOT A CRIME TO LABEL WISCONSIN BUTTER "MADE IN OREGON"

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—The supreme court's decision that it is unconstitutional to prosecute the creamery man who brings butter from Wisconsin in a tub here to be sold under a dainty wrapper as "Made in Oregon," clears the way for sending $7,000,000 of Oregon money annually away and continues the opportunity to deceive the people, according to the bi-ennial report of the Oregon dairy and food commissioner, J. W. Bailey, now succeeded by J. D. Mickle.

It is predicted that if the practice continues the dairy industry of Oregon will be destroyed, because Oregon dairymen cannot compete with cheap tub butter, renovated after reaching Portland and sold at the high market rate.

MUST REMAIN SILENT

Liquor Dealers May Not Sign Block Closing Petitions

Property owners who are interested in the liquor business in any way are prohibited from having a voice in proceedings for the closing of blocks in the city to saloons, by the terms of an ordinance adopted yesterday by the council.

The ordinance was recommended by the police commission and legislation committee of the council and is designed to obviate the possibility of a coterie of saloonkeepers, or property owners renting to saloonkeepers, from creating a monopoly of the business in any block or section of the city.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

BREAKWATER FINISHED

Work Completed on Great Three Million Dollar Harbor Project

Thirteen years' labor on the government breakwater at the harbor was completed last week when the last load of rock was dumped and the false work that has formed the trestle was pulled up.

The breakwater cost $3,000,000. The first rock was dumped in April, 1899, and steady progress on the structure was continued until March, 1900, when it ceased until August of the same year. Three contractors have been engaged in building the breakwater at different times.

The structure is 11,152 feet, or nearly two miles long. It is about 200 feet wide at the bottom and 20 feet wide on top. The amount of rock in the breakwater is 2,591,162 tons.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

INSPECTOR WORKS FOR TENEMENT HOUSE LAW

New Measure Introduced in Legislature Makes Number of Changes in Method of Regulation—Specifically Fixes Authority.

So many changes were suggested in the Burnett tenement house law that J. J. Backus, chief building inspector, who has just returned from Sacramento, reported that an entirely new bill will be introduced to supersede the present act. Backus went to the capital at the expense of the city to confer with legislators with a view to having changes made that would conform more nearly to conditions here.

One of the important changes was that making it perfectly plain which department of the city is to have control of the enforcement of the act and do away with the conflict in this city between the health and building departments.

The provision respecting buffet kitchens so that cooking is prohibited in closets or alcoves unless they are provided with windows.

A section of the present act requiring a duct at the bottom of an air or light shaft has been differently worded so as to eliminate the duct, which is declared to be dangerous, as it would tend to produce a draft in case of fire.

Stairways to the roof will not be required in the proposed new act unless the building is more than two stories high.

A section of the present law prohibiting the renting of single rooms in apartment houses was eliminated on the ground that this is a matter for inspection after erection rather than for construction.

Backus reported that the bill was formally introduced and was favorably commented on by many of the legislators. He expects to have to return to Sacramento and explain the proposed changes in the bill when it comes before the committee next March.

—From L. A. Municipal News.

The Areo club of California has given up the idea of holding this winter's meet at Owensmouth, as the task of preparing fields and stands was considered too great inview of the facilities already to be had at Dominguez. The contests will be held every afternoon beginning Wednesday and ending next Sunday.

SEA BREEZE, Fla.—The first hotel to open an aviatoin school for the exclusive use of its guests is the new Clarendon here. The school is supplied with standard Wright biplanes and has Miss Ruth Law, the first woman to become a flying instructor in this country, as its head.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1913.

A bill is pending in the Colorado legislature making it a felony to sign an initiative petition in ignorance of its provisions. There is altogether too much carelessness in the signing of any kind of a petition.

The freeholders' charter for Los Angeles county adopted by the voters at the last election has been ratified by the legislature, and is now the charter of our county government.

March 1 is the day set for the opening of the trolley line from Los Angeles via Van Nuys into San Fernando.

The delinquent tax collector of Eagle Rock is the principal contributor to the columns of the SENTINEL of that city last week.

The biggest benefit from the proposed new city charter for Glendale is likely to be the printer of it,—the Glendale "News," twenty columns of which are devoted to its publication.

Aqueduct completion will be celebrated on the 6th and 7th of May next. Celebration ceremonies are in the hands of a committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. There will be floats galore and Tropico must be represented in them.

Governor Johnson is investigating the financial effects of the big freeze, and will do what he can to offset its disastrous consequences in the southern part of the State by giving the people the benefit of pushing the construction of the State highways there. His plan is to have the work done by day-labor, with a preference for married men and men living in the immediate section of the State through which the highway passes.

It is respectfully suggested to the city trustees that they let the voters select a site for the proposed city hall, public library, etc., by a "straw vote" taken when the bond election is held, as most in accord with popular ideas of propriety in proceedings of such a character and as most likely to secure a satisfactory determination of the question.

LET'S STAND TRUE TO TROPICO

The Board of Trustees of this City, on the advice and with the approval of its civic bodies and leading citizens generally, has decided to call an election on the question of an issue of the bonds of the City in the sum of $25,000, in two separate propositions, one of which is for $18,000 for the purchase of a fire protection equipment and a parcel of land for a City Hall and other public buildings, and the other of which is for $7,000 for the construction of such buildings. That the fire protection proposition will carry there is little reason to doubt.

Whether the $7,000 proposition for a city hall and public library carries, however, depends largely upon the popularity of the location selected for them to occupy. In arriving at a conclusion in the matter, the trustees seemingly have a delicate duty to perform. Whichever way they decide, there will be some to carp at and criticize it, but with the masses their judgment will be accepted and respected without question as wisest and best because of the confidence universally felt in their honesty and integrity.

Some there are who declare their opposition to the proposition however alluringly presented. They do not consider it worth while, "as sooner or later we will become a part of Los Angeles, when we can get along without these public buildings." We cannot agree with this view of the case. It can never be when Tropico will not need a community-owned assembly hall, public library and other accessories of a strong, compact and independent civic organization. We are not in favor of sponging on our neighbors, so long as we are neither poverty-stricken nor objects of charity. A contrary view would indicate in us a low status of civic pride, which we would by no means consider flattering.

The fact of the matter is the City of Tropico has never taken itself as seriously as it should. It lives along as easily, aimlessly and carelessly as if life were as objectless as a barren desert waste. The pride we should feel in seeing Tropico arouse itself and take its proper place in the advance rank of modern American cities, cannot be expressed in words. There is much of the satisfaction of living in citizenship of a city of high ideals, but more in having a part in making it such. The aids of public libraries, gymnasiums, museums, conservatories of music, and kindred institutions, in rearing the social structure of the higher order of attractiveness and achievement, are indispensable. While Tropico may not have to "all at a single grasp, its citizens should hesitate at no impediment to doing as many of them as possible.

To vote down the proposed bond issue of $7000 will be to vote down a city owned public library. We hope to be spared the humiliation of having to record the public disgrace of such a result. N. C. BURCH.

Mrs. D. M. Stuart of National City, Cal., visited friends in Tropico, last week. Mrs. Stuart, who if the wife of Rev. D. M. Stuart, former pastor of Tropico Presbyterian Church, brings the sad news that her husband's diseased mental condition has made it necessary to take him to the asylum for the insane at Patton for medical treatment. Rev. Stuart was a man of vigorous mental powers and untiring physical energy, but there is an end to physical endurance and the reverend gentleman's mental break-down is no doubt due to physical debility.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The illness of Mrs. Charles M. Turck has kept her within doors at her home on Glendale Avenue for the past week.

Herbert Harrison is holding down an important station in the Western Linotyping Establishment in Los Angeles. Herbert is one of the dependable young men of Tropico, besides being an artist of skill in the typographical world.

Mrs. Celie Gabiag is slowly recovering from a severe illness and will soon be herself again, thanks to a strong constitution and good care.

Of corporations recently organized is the Monarch Investment Company, incorporators, C .E. Price, A. J. Neimeyer. C. B. Cunningham, G. C. Dennis, Charles Jacobs, M. R. Blackman, M. G. Coughlan; capital stock, $1,000,000; subscribed, $7.00.

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J .C. Green, a new real estate man in Tropico reports unusual activity in real estate on the East side.

The air is full of rumors of real estate transactions big with importance, on both Brand and San Fernando boulevards.

A scrap over the proposed bond issue? Don't you believe it. People of Tropico are not in a scrapping humor these striding times of growth and prosperity.

An auto-truck standing near the City Hall one day last week, upon the rear end of which a Mexican named Sebro Ayola, 429 Ramirez street, Los Angeles, was sitting, was rammed by an auto-car, catching and crushing one of the man's feet in the impact. Injuries temporarily dressed by Dr. Duncan and injured man taken to a Los Angeles hospital.

The grand March of the Pythians will begin promptly at 8:30 Thursday night of this week, at K. of P. Hall in the Gabiag Block, Tropico. You are cordially invited to join the happy throng.

Ed Fairfield has the contract for a cement curb around Mrs. Ella Richardson's grounds at the corner of Cerritos and the San Fernando Road.

Work on San Fernando Road improvements under Contractor Fred R. Sinclair, began in earnest Monday morning.

Miss Mabel Nicholson, Acacia Avenue, has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Lancaster, Cal.

DEPARTS ON A WORLD-ROUND TRIP

Miss Eulalia Richardson bade farewell to home, relatives and friends in Tropico the afternoon of Sunday last, for an absence of a year and a half on a trip around the world. She was a passenger on the "Lark" for San Francisco Sunday night. She will there meet her college chum, Miss Hazel Bardin, who is to accompany her on the trip and be her room-mate on the long voyage. They will sail Thursday on the good ship "Cleveland," one of the staunchest steamers of the Hamburg-American line that sails the seas. Their first destination will be Honolulu, their next Yokahama, and in turn, the countries of Japan, the Philippines, China, on through the Suez, and down the Mediterranean to Naples. There Miss Richardson will meet Professor Newcomer and daughter, now in Europe, and will join them in a protracted tour of France and Germany, and the British Islands.

Professor Newcomer is at the head of the History Department at Stanford, and will be of invaluable assistance to the young lady in the studies she will prosecute into how the people of other countries live. She will return, a year and a half hence, via New York.

BORN IN ONE CABIN, DIFFERENT STATES

Strange Record is Made By Ayres Family

Born in the same log cabin on the same farm but in three different territories and one state, is the unique record of six Ayres children, one of whom now lives in Des Moines, Iowa.

On a farm two and one-half miles north of Fort Madison, Ia., Samuel A. Ayres was born in the then territory of Michigan in March, 1835. Gertrude Ayres Burch was born in the territory of Wisconsin, Thomas, Ebenezer, and Lycurgus E. Ayres in the territory of Iowa, and Marion Oscar Ayres in the state of Iowa, all within ten years.

The explanation of this remarkable fact is that the territory of Michigan was divided, part of it becoming the territory of Wisconsin April 20, 1836. The territory of Wisconsin was divided June 12, 1838, part of it being named the territory of Iowa. Iowa was made a state on December 26, 1846.

Lycurgus E. Ayres, the member of this remarkable family residing in Des Moines, lives at 520 East Fifth street. He was formerly chief clerk in the auditor's office and for fifteen years did service in the chief executive's office in the State house. He is well known in East Des Moines and is one of the pioneers of that city. He is 67 years of age and was born in the territory of Iowa.

The father of this remarkable family was Ebenezer D. Ayres. He came originally from the state of Connecticut, his birthplace. The mother was Louise Anna Ayres and was a resident of Missouri. An older brother was born in Missouri before the family immigrated to Iowa, then included in the territory of Michigan.

The son who was born in the territory of Michigan, Samuel A. Ayres, is 77 years of age and now resides in Tropico, Cal., a suburb near Los Angeles. He is a former deputy auditor of Iowa and is the oldest living male native son of the Hawkeye state.

Gertrude, now Mrs. Burch, lives in Tropico, California. She is 75 years of age.

Of the three sons to be born in the territory of Iowa, two are living. Thomas died in Alexandria, Mo., in 1860. Ebenezer, Jr., is 68 year old and lives in Springfield, Mo., and Lycurgus E. in Des Moines.

The youngest of the family, Marion Oscar Ayres, is 65 years of age and is a capitalist at Dakota City, Neb. He is a wealthy banker in Nebraska, being interested in several of the leading Cornhusker banking institutions.

A peculiar feature connected with the scene of the birthplace of this family is that the son of the man who originally purchased the farm is still in possession. In the sixties the old log cabin in which the Ayres lived was torn down and a good substantial brick residence of two stories erected. One brother has the thumb latch-key of the old cabin, and the dents of the blacksmith's hammer can still be seen in the relic.

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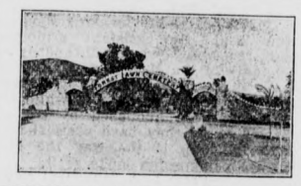

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